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North Dakota
Office of the Governor

John Hoeven
Governor

PROCLAMATION
MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS AWARENESS WEEK
MARCH 8-14, 2010

WHEREAS, multiple sclerosis is a chronic and disabling disease of the central nervous system in which the progression, severity and specific symptoms cannot be foreseen; and

WHEREAS, every hour of every day, someone new is diagnosed with multiple sclerosis, a disease that can erode a person's abilities and hopes, halt a career and unravel the fabric of families; and

WHEREAS, last year in North Dakota, more than \$740,000 was raised to find a cure for multiple sclerosis and develop effective treatments for the disease, as well as provide a wide range of client programs to improve the lives of the more than 1,100 individuals living with multiple sclerosis in our state; and

WHEREAS, significant advances have been made in the treatment of multiple sclerosis, such as new medications which may reduce or delay future disability; however, more needs to be done and essential services must continue to be provided to those living with the disease; and

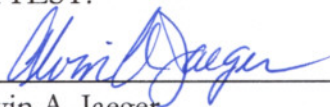
WHEREAS, public and private agencies across the state are available to serve the changing needs of those with multiple sclerosis and their families by providing important treatment and support services.

NOW, THEREFORE, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim March 8-14, 2010, **MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS AWARENESS WEEK** in the state of North Dakota.



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ATTEST:



Alvin A. Jaeger
Secretary of State